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<b>In re U.S. Patent Application of</b>	)	
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<b>For: DISK ARRAY SYSTEM</b>	)	
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**Honorable Assistant Commissioner  
for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend this application as outlined hereinbelow: